



# "Big Dreams Small Business" NEWS

## OMB Extends GSA Designation to April 2003

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted GSA's request for an extension to serve as an executive agent for government-wide acquisition programs as outlined in its memo of March 28, 2002.

This redesignation, effective through April 1, 2003, is made pursuant to section 5112(e) of the Information Technology Management Reform Act ("Clinger-Cohen Act"), 40 U.S.C. 1412(e), which authorizes the Director of OMB to designate one or more heads of executive agencies as executive agents for government-wide acquisition contracts for IT (GWACs).

As an executive agent, the GSA Administrator is authorized to award and administer task and delivery order contracts on behalf of federal agencies for government-wide acquisitions of IT.

It is limited to contracts awarded under programs that are funded on a reimbursable basis through the Information Technology Fund established at 40 U.S.C. 757 and that have already been approved by OMB, or are approved in writing by OMB, as part of the annual cost and capital plan for that fund. Unless otherwise provided by law or directed by the Director of OMB, all contracts shall continue to be made available to agencies on a non-mandatory basis. To view or download the OMB memo in its entirety, visit our home page at <http://r6.gsa.gov/fts>.

### *Changes Abound at CCR*

Effective May 1, 2002, the U.S. Department of Treasury will join other federal agencies in using the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) as the single validated source of data on vendors doing business with the government. Now located at <http://www.ccr.gov>, vendors complete a one-time registration providing basic information relevant to procurement and financial transactions. To remain active, vendors must update or renew their registration annually.

### Kudos

Kudos to Small Business SDC contract holder IITC, Denver, CO, for winning SBA's Region 8 Subcontractor of the Year award for 2002.

### Upcoming Events

- Apr 15-18: GSA Network Services Conference & Expo, Orlando, FL, <http://www.gsa-fts.com>
- Apr 29 - May 2: 2002 Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair, New Orleans, LA, <http://www.ncaied.org>
- May 8-10: 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Industry & SBA Procurement Conference, Training & Expo, Washington, DC, <http://www.sba.gov/gc/35thprocurement>
- May 14-15: 2002 Federal Acquisition Conference & Exhibitor Fair, Dallas, TX, <http://www.fac2002.com>
- May 21-23: GSA Federal Supply Service International Products & Services Expo, San Diego, CA, <http://www.expo.gsa.gov>